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The Home For Aged Aided By Local Funds Gets Much More Help

The Home for Aged People of Franklin County, located in Greenfield, benefits to the extent of \$24,017.66 as a result of a petition brought by Atty. Gen. Robert T. Bushnell for application of a public charitable trust created by the will of the late Mrs. Ida Furrington of Colrain.

The petition has been granted by Judge Francis Nims Thompson in Franklin Probate Court.

Mrs. Furrington, whose will was probated over 13 years ago, left the residue of her estate for support and maintenance of a home for old people in Jacksonville, Vt. or, in case no such home was established there, to one established in Franklin County.

The Attorney General's office in the course of checking public charitable trusts ascertained that there is no such home in Jacksonville, Vt., and that the trust fund had not been applied. The petition was then brought to apply it to the Home for Aged People of Franklin County, to which persons from Jacksonville, Vermont, may be admitted. Money from the Durkee estate of Northfield Farms made possible the establishment of the Home for Aged People. Ambert G. Moody of this town is a member of its board of trustees.

Town Householders Must Save Fuel Oil

State OPA director L. J. Brennan says that all fuel oil users must restrict their present consumption in order to prevent a possible shortage later in the winter. Reports from large oil companies indicated that retailers and householders were too optimistic about fuel oil supplies, and in this state inventories for November were not as good as a year ago. Dr. R. G. Holton of the Fuel rationing panel of the local rationing board has been advised of the situation and urged to call the attention of the public to the facts. He urges that extreme caution must be used by users, that temperatures do not exceed 65 degrees, except where illness and age demand. That night temperatures do not exceed 55 and that care be taken not to waste heat. In extreme cold draw window shades and keep doors and windows closed as much as possible. If all will co-operate Northfield will get by this winter, although low inventories and military demands face the coming months.

Welfare Not Needed

Charitable organizations, church societies and individuals in town found at Thanksgiving time that the need of family help in providing baskets of food, clothing, etc., had greatly diminished and there was no general plan to provide the same. It was the first time in years that no general assistance was extended. However, many groups sent baskets of delicacies as a token of cheer and happiness to the sick, shut-ins, and young children in remembrance of the season.

Wedding Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Frank V. Wood of the Farms quietly observed the 59th anniversary of their wedding on Wednesday, November 24th at their home. Because of poor health they had planned no special observance. They were married November 24, 1884 at Baldwinville at the home of Mrs. Woods parents, Mr. and Mrs. Orame. Harvey. They have one son, Lewis Wood of this town.

Manager Theatre Chain

Seth Field, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Field of this town, who has been in the service of the Coast Guard and attending the Academy at New London, has been discharged because of physical disability. He is now located in Boston and becomes manager of the Graphic Circuit theatres, comprising about twenty theatres in Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire and Vermont.

Town Appropriates To Provide Honor Roll Names Committee

Despite the bad weather and poor traveling conditions, nearly a hundred persons attended the special town meeting held at the Town Hall, Tuesday evening, Nov. 23, at 7:30 o'clock. The Warrant had been posted in the usual places and was announced previously in the Press. There were three articles which read as follows:

Article 1, To see if the Town will appropriate a sum of money not to exceed three hundred and fifty dollars for erect and deficiency account to erect and maintain a temporary Northfield Honor Roll, the same to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen, or act thereon.

Article 2, To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to appoint a committee not to exceed five persons to arrange for the erection and maintenance of a temporary Northfield Honor Roll, or act thereon.

Article 3, To see if the Town will vote to transfer a sum of money from Chapter 81 road appropriation, to snow account, or act thereon.

The meeting was called to order by the Moderator, William F. Hoehn and the Town Clerk, Mrs. H. M. Haskell read the Warrant. Action on Article 1 was immediately taken and the voters responded by unanimously passing it. There was some discussion mainly for the purpose of information. Article 2 was also unanimously passed upon motion properly seconded. Article 3 was agreed to by the voters and the sum transferred was \$812.

Before the meeting adjourned a layout plan of the Honor Roll was shown to those present and all agreed it was a fine piece of work, but the plan is only suggestive to the committee. Appointments were made to the committee by the Selectmen and announced as the meeting adjourned. The committee will consist of Frank W. Pearsall, Ross L. Spencer, Mrs. Leon A. Randall, Luckey O. Clapp and Stanley Payson. After their meeting for organization, the committee will proceed with the plans to provide the town with an Honor Roll that will reflect credit upon the men whose names it will contain and to this patriotic community.

Fortnightly Women Entertain Men Folk With Special Speaker

The Fortnightly has scored another success in "gentlemen's night" held Friday evening, Nov. 19 at Alexander Hall. Members of the club and their guests numbering over a hundred gathered and were welcomed by the President, Mrs. Paul Mayberry. The usual business session was omitted and the president introduced the guest pianist, Miss Viva Faye Richardson of the music department of the Seminary. Miss Richardson delighted the audience with her rendition of a Chopin Nocturne, a waltz and Viennese airs from Rigoletto. As an encore she played a Chopin Prelude. Harrison Lakin, of York, Maine, well known authority on world diplomatic affairs, was introduced and he gave a most interesting and educational talk on the many phases of the present war. He emphasized the situation in the European area and stressed the importance of the Moscow conference. He called attention to the need of being prepared for the great victory sure to come. After the address there was a period of asking questions and many of those attending participated. Refreshments were served by a committee consisting of Mrs. L. R. Kirk, Mrs. Ethel May and Mrs. A. Gordon Moody. Many lingered to enjoy a social hour.

The next meeting of the Fortnightly will be held Friday afternoon, December 3rd at Alexander Hall at 3 o'clock, when John C. Howell of Greenfield, economist will speak on "Business projects in a post war world." The tea hostesses will be Mrs. Anderson, Mrs. Lopez and Mrs. George.

Rates Auto Insurance

The tentative rates for the compulsory insurance on automobiles in this state has been announced by Commissioner of Insurance Harrington. For the year 1944 liability insurance will cost those with "A" gasoline ratings the sum of \$8.60, instead of the \$9.50 of last year. "B" ration book holders will remain at \$12.10 while the "C" ration users will pay an increase from \$12.20 of last year to \$15.60 this year. The rates are scaled to gasoline usage.

Our Own State Guard Has Creditable Record Of Local Enlistments

While there is much talk in the state of the reorganization of the State Guard and to make it more effective by a consolidation of forces, with divisional services under new commands, it is well to remember that Northfield responded promptly in the first call of organization and a company was formed here, known as the 34th company of the 22nd Regiment. Meetings and drills were held at the town hall and full uniformed and equipped, the men marched at various times in public, especially at the times they were called for maneuvers.

Max L. Huber is Captain on the official roster and Harrison Stacy is Lieutenant. At present the company membership is made up as follows: First Sgt. Paul Thompson, Sgts. Robert Abbott, Richard Barrows, Vernal Hurlbut, Paul Mayberry, William Ross and Charles Browning; Corporals Alexander Gibson, Alvin Porter, Verne Ware, Willis Parker and Frederick Chapin; Privates Niles Stone, Leoman Stowell, Ralph Streeter, William Moore, Leonard Lanphear, Alfred Holton, Stanley Gorzowski, Vincent Campbell, Joseph Bartus, Leander Kirk, Vincent Bellis, Robert Milgram, John Witaliz, Owen Stacey, Howard Skinner, Alvin Scott, Edward Kervian and Donald Huber.

Former members of the Guard who are in actual service include Harold F. Bigelow, Jr., Richard O. Bolton, Duncan F. Campbell, Roy J. Fish, Arthur Hutchinson, Harry Holloway, Joseph W. Holton, Byron A. Haley, Richard D. Harris, William C. Huber, Frank D. Huber (discharged), Alfred O. LaBelle, Stanley Motosky, Robert L. Miller, Leon C. Mankowsky, John M. Pallam, Phillip Peltz, Edward M. Powell, Jr., William L. Richardson and James E. Spaulding.

Former members of the company who have been discharged are, Charles J. Scoble, Edward C. Bolton, Earl Lilly, Sidney H. Given, LeRoy Edwards, Bernard C. Noga, Raymond F. Hubbard, Raymond L. Parks, Ralph B. Holton, William Wilde, Gene Cullum, William G. Andrews, Clifford L. Bolton, Lawrence Hammond, J. Hammond and Albert Griswold.

There has been a total of 68 men in all affiliated with the local company and that certainly speaks well for Northfield. There is at the present time a junior company receiving military instruction under the direction of Sgt. William Ross. Whatever the future holds in store of a reorganization of the Massachusetts State Guard and just where the local company will be placed, our citizens may well feel proud of the past record of their military group.

Was In First Draft Of Selective Service

Three years ago marked the beginning of the selective draft and among the first ten chosen, or rather who volunteered for the service was Thomas E. Eastman of Mount Hermon school, who is the son of Harvey M. Eastman of Rhode Island. He entered the army but afterward another branch of the service appealed and he received a transfer to a naval construction unit. He is now with the 82nd battalion with headquarters in California. Since the initial draft of men from Franklin County, many thousands more have followed in their wake and many more will yet be called.

Wheaton Head Resigns Served Many Years

Dr. J. Edgar Park, president of Wheaton college, located at Norton, has tendered his resignation to the trustees to take effect at the close of the college year. The resignation has been accepted but no successor has been named. Dr. Park resigned in conformity with the college retirement policy. He was chosen in 1926 and previously had been pastor of the Congregational church in Newton Centre. His administration of Wheaton 108 year old woman's institution, was highly creditable. He is the father of Dr. William E. Park, president of the Northfield schools.

Brattleboro Stores

The Press is informed by R. V. Simonds of the Chamber of Commerce that the Brattleboro mercantile stores will hereafter close Saturday evenings at 9 o'clock and that the stores will also on Christmas eve, the 24th at six o'clock. The stores will be open every evening until 9 o'clock beginning Monday, Dec. 20, continuing through Thursday the 23rd. Local shoppers take notice.



SEND CHRISTMAS GIFTS BY DECEMBER 10!

To facilitate the movement of heavy war business and travel expected to break all records during the holidays, the Office of Defense Transportation urges the public to complete the sending of all their personal Christmas packages by December 10.

In response to a request of the O.D.T., the Railway Express Agency is taking an active part in this endeavor. It is bringing

the message to thousands of shippers, in business and residential districts throughout the country served by its 23,000 offices.

Retail and department stores everywhere are giving full support to the drive, which according to Railway Express, will help keep war materials moving on schedule and enable service men and women, on leave, to get home during the holidays.

TOWN TOPICS

Miss Bernice Webster of Croton Falls, N. Y., spent the Thanksgiving vacation period with her mother, Mrs. Charles Webster at her home here.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy E. Chamberlain entertained over Thanksgiving their daughter and husband, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Towns of Boston.

Already several motorists in Northfield have received the 1944 stickers for their cars. The Registry of Motor Vehicles have advised that to ensure your sticker in time for use on the first day of the year, you send in your application for renewals early in December.

Miss Currier, Miss Midura and Miss O'Neil of the High school were in Orange recently to act as judges of a group of one act plays, produced by the Orange High school English classes.

Harold F. Bigelow of the East Northfield postoffice has sent to Spurgeon Gage, in Orlando, Florida the initial order for 25 bushels. Looks as if our citizens will have plenty of fine fresh hand picked oranges for Christmas.

Miss Juliana Alexander of Angola, Ind., has returned to her home after spending a vacation with her mother and sister here. They also were visited by Mrs. Richard Kinney of Boston, another daughter of Mrs. Clara B. Alexander.

Miss Elinor Peck, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. Dudley Peck of Main street, who is a student at Wellesley college, has been chosen a member of the social action committee, to render volunteer service for social agencies about Boston.

According to the necessary report filed on October first, with State Tax Commissioner Long, of the property tax of Northfield of \$71,189 for 1942, there remains unpaid the sum of \$7,228.

A number of members of Harmony Lodge of Masons attended the 12th Lodge of Instruction held with Republican Lodge of Greenfield, Tuesday evening, the 23rd.

Mr. and Mrs. Vernal G. Hurlbut are soon to remove to Millers Falls. They have bought the cottage of William Dyer on the Farms road. Mr. Hurlbut is manager of the A. & P. store in this town.

Local Republicans are much interested in the coming meeting of the Republican National committee which will meet in Chicago, January 10 and 11 to select a date and place for the 1944 Republican National Convention. The Northfield Republican Town committee will soon be called for a meeting to consider candidates for office to be chosen at the coming annual meeting of the town. It is announced that the church school of the Unitarian church will give a Christmas play this year instead of the usual pageant. The play "Children of all nations at Bethlehem" by Rev. Jacob Trapp of Denver will probably be selected.

Mrs. E. M. Powell reports that 230 of the town Christmas cards have been mailed to our men in the services. Money orders amounting to \$200 and 200 Legion hospitality cards have also been mailed. Already several letters of appreciation have been received.

Mr. and Mrs. Hubert J. Eastman of Hinsdale road recently visited his parents at Woodsville, N. H., for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Ambert G. Moody left Monday, Nov. 22, for Florida where they will spend the winter at the Lake Alfred Hotel. Sunday of the week previous, Mr. Moody received congratulations upon his eightieth birthday.

Mrs. A. Gordon Moody has been called to her home at New Haven, Conn., where her mother is ill but reported improving.

A good sized limb falling from a tree near the Erb summer home on the Ridge carried down the electric wires in that section in a recent storm. There was no current in the wires as the switch had been pulled and the wires will remain until spring when electrician Alfred Holton will replace them.

Herbert C. Read of Northampton died Saturday, November 20, at the age of 85. He was a brother of Mrs. I. B. Hale of this town who with her husband recently purchased the Crosier residence on South Main street.

A well attended meeting of the W. C. T. U. held at Alexander Hall on Monday, November 22, offered a showing of most excellent films to the pupils of the High school and the Center school. They were highly educational.

Mrs. Allen H. Wright with her daughter, Mrs. Lawrence White and son of Boston are at home on Main street for a short stay. Mrs. Wright will leave soon to visit her daughter and husband, Major and Mrs. Ernest Leavitt in Washington and then plans to spend January and February with Mrs. J. W. Polhemus in Miami, Florida.

Mrs. Clara Louise Feary of New York City has come to Northfield for residence and is at the Bronson Inn. She is well known as an author and writer.

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Panties	69c to \$1.50
Sweaters	\$2.98 to \$8.95
Skirts	\$2.98 to \$8.95
Handbags	\$1.98 to \$5.00
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We are discouraging Christmas shipping this year due to congested express—but will send bushels out early for you with trimmings at above prices, if you will get your orders, and cards, to us by Dec. 5. Mr. Bigelow has again consented to order in lot shipments for those who find that more convenient.

Prices given here will prevail as long as these products are obtainable at present price levels. Our shipping season generally extends from Dec. 1 to May 1. One citrus user writes, "Plenty of your fruit has been our family's best health insurance all this winter!"

SPURGEON GAGE, Holden Ave., R. 1, ORLANDO, FLORIDA

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Take Notice—All persons having bills against the Town of Northfield, should send them to the Selectmen not later than Tuesday, December 14th, 1943, to receive attention.

Fred A. Holton, Chm.
Board of Selectmen

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Honor Roll Committee Met And Organized Pearsall Is Chairman

The Honor Roll committee named by the town at its recent special meeting and consisting of Frank W. Pearsall, Ross L. Spencer, Luckey O. Clapp, Mrs. Leon Randall and Stanley Payson have held a meeting for organization and for arranging preliminary matters. The committee has made no commitments of any kind and will inaugurate and prosecute its own plans. The design of the Honor Roll will be considered as well as its construction and exact location and then will come the approval of the names which are to be placed upon the scroll. In order that no names be omitted of those who have gone from Northfield into the service, the committee will cause to be printed in the Press a roster, alphabetically arranged, so that a check-up may be made, and assistance from friends and relatives rendered. The committee organized with Frank W. Pearsall as chairman. The committee is strictly a town committee and represent no organization nor any special group. They should be given our encouraging word and assistance.

No Trouble Alarms Our Ceiling Prices

The local Rationing Board now has functioning the Price Panel authority and Chairman Charles Johnson reports that everything is running smoothly and in an efficient manner. He wants to thank the merchants for their splendid co-operation and to place the facilities of the panel and the clerk of the Board at their disposal in any aid. Retailers who have not filed their ceiling prices as of Mar. 1, 1942 when requested in July 1942, should immediately attend to the matter, getting in touch with the clerk, Mrs. Kehl. All complaints of consumers should be promptly sent in to the Board giving full facts. The Price panel will meet every Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock and Mr. Hoehn as chairman will have the assistance of Mrs. Stanley Bistrek, Mrs. A. Gordon Moody and Mrs. Alfred Holton with Mrs. Charles Kehl as its clerk.

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snow, which began to fall on Monday the 15th. There is no traffic either up or down the hills, and the only tracks to be seen are the footprints of wild life. No hunters have violated the prohibitions and all is "quiet on the hillside." At night the silence is weird, where during the summer was heard the merry voices of the season's sojourners.



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